

Amendments to the Drawings

Fig. 12 has been added to the drawings. New Fig. 12 is identical to Fig. 1 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/645,322, filed by the inventors of the present application, the entire contents of which were incorporated into the present application as filed. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: New Sheet (Fig. 12)

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on February 16, 2005. In the Notice of Allowance, Claims 1-24 were allowed. With the entry of the present amendment, new Figure 12 has been added to the drawings, and the Specification has been amended to add the corresponding description. Figure 12 is identical to Fig. 1 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/645,322, filed by the inventors of the present application, the entire contents of which were previously incorporated by reference at page 10, lines 20-23 of the present application as filed. A description of the Fig. 12 embodiment has been added to the Brief Description of the Drawings, as well as to the Detailed Description, beginning at page 10, line 23. This description is substantially identical to the corresponding description in the 10/645,322 application (*see, e.g.*, page 6, line 5 through page 7, line 15 of the 10/645,322 application), which, as noted above, was previously incorporated by reference into the present application. Accordingly, it is believed that no new matter has been added by way of these amendments, since the addition of Fig. 12 and the related description has only made explicit subject matter that was previously present in this application by the incorporation by reference.

In addition to these amendments, Claims 1, 5, 13, 19, 21 and 24 have been amended, and new Claims 25-28 have been added. Claim 4 has been cancelled. Support for these amendments and new claims can be found in the Specification at, for example, page 10, line 23 *et seq.* No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on February 7, 2005 and another IDS is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of these IDSs is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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